

## **STATUS OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A process for reconciling actual data with estimated data within said process for a project ordered by a buyer and performed by a seller, the method comprising:

obtaining and storing in the process the estimated data from any source relating to the project;

receiving and storing in the process the actual data from the seller via a communication network;

using electronic comparison circuitry in the process to compare [[comparing]] the actual data to the estimated data to determine any discrepancy between the actual data and the estimated data; [[and]]

causing the process to electronically notify the [[seller]] buyer of any such discrepancy; and wherein upon notice of the discrepancy the seller can account for the discrepancy.

thereafter causing the process to electronically notify the seller of any such discrepancy, whereby the seller can reconcile or otherwise account to the buyer for any such discrepancy.

2. (Previously Presented) A process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the actual data comprises an actual cost, in whole or in part, of either goods or services, or goods and services provided by the seller in performance of the project.

3. (Previously Presented) A process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the actual data comprises an actual accounting, in whole or in part, of either goods or services, or goods and services provided by the seller in performance of the project.

4. (Previously Presented) A process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the actual data comprises at least one measurement of at least one parameter defining at least one aspect of the project.

5-14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) A process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the process generates at least one request for either at least one good or at least one service, or at least one good and at least one service to be provided by the seller to the buyer for the project, wherein the project is defined in terms of at least one parameter, and wherein the system converts the at least one parameter into the at least one request, and wherein the system communicates the at least one request to the seller.

16-21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) A system for reconciling actual data compiled for a project by a seller with estimated data for the project, the project ordered by a buyer and performed by the seller, the system comprising:

- a first interface for interacting with at least one buyer;
- a second interface for interacting with at least one seller;
- a memory for storing the estimated data and the actual data, wherein the actual data is received from the seller database via the second interface; and
- a processor controlling the memory, the first interface and the second interface, wherein the processor electronicallycompares the actual data to the estimated data to determine any discrepancy between the actual data and the estimated data, and wherein

the processor notifies the buyer and/or the seller via the first interface of any discrepancy.

23. (Previously Presented) A system for reconciling as described in claim 22, wherein the actual data comprises an actual cost , in whole or in part, of either goods or services, or goods and services provided by the seller in performance of the project.

24. (Previously Presented) A system for reconciling as described in claim 22, wherein the actual data comprises an actual quantity, in whole or in part, of either goods or services, or goods and services provided by the seller in performance of the project.

25. (Previously Presented) A system for reconciling as described in claim 22, wherein the actual data comprises at least one measurement of at least one parameter defining at least one aspect of the project.

26-33. (Canceled).

34. (Previously Presented) A system for reconciling as described in claim 22, wherein the system further comprises a system for implementing a process to generate at least one request for either at least one good or at least one service, or at least one good and at least one service to be provided by the seller to the buyer for the project, wherein the project is defined in terms of at least one parameter, and wherein the system converts the at least one parameter into the at least one request, and wherein the system communicates the at least one request to the seller.

35-50. (Canceled).

51. (Currently Amended) A process in a system for comparing at least one first response to at least one second response, the at least one first response and at least one second response being responsive to at least one request by a buyer for either at least one good or at least one service, or at least one good and at least one service for a project, the process comprising:

receiving the at least one first response [[at]] in the system via a communication network;

receiving the at least one second response [[at]] in the system via the communication network;

electronically comparing in the system the at least one first response to the at least one second response; and

presenting the electronic comparison to the buyer and/or the seller through an interface with a buyer system via the communication network, whereby the seller can reconcile or otherwise account to the buyer based upon the electronic comparison.

52-53. (Canceled)

54. (Previously Presented) A process in a system for comparing as described in claim 51, wherein the first response is provided by a first seller through an interface with a first seller system via the communication network, and the at least one second response is provided by at least one second seller through an interface with at least one second seller system via the communication network.

55-63. (Canceled).

64. (Currently Amended) A system for comparing an at least one first response to at least one second response, the at least one first response and at least one second response being responsive to at least one request by a buyer for either at least one good or at least one service, or at least one good and at least one service for a project, the system comprising:

- a buyer interface;
- a seller interface for receiving the at least one first response and the at least one second response from a seller;
- a memory for storing the at least one first response and the at least one second response; and
- a processor connected to a buyer interface, a seller interface, and the memory, wherein the processor electronically compares the at least one first response to the at least one second response, and wherein the processor presents the comparison to the buyer via the buyer interface.

65-130. (Canceled).